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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN ENTRY VISAS FOR SIMON PARTY AND
JOINT WORKING GROUPS

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1. SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER HERE INFORMS
US THAT HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO ISSUE
VISAS TO MEMBERS OF SIMON PARTY OR TO MEMBERS OF JOINT
WORKING GROUPS. INASMUCH AS SECRETARY SIMON DEPARTS
WASHINGTON AT 0730 EDST JULY 11, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
FOR MOST MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY TO ARRIVE WITH SAUDI
VISAS. ACCORDINGLY, MUST ASK THAT YOU REQUEST SAUDIS
TO AGREE WAIVE ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL THOSE
ON SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT. MR. OSCAR MACKOUR IS TREASURY
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE ABOARD AIRCRAFT WHO WILL HAVE
PASSPORTS AND HEALTH CARDS FOR PARTY.

2. WE PLAN SEND TO SAUDI EMBASSY ON FRIDAY PASSPORTS
OF JOINT WORKING GROUP MEMBERS NOW IN WASHINGTON WHO
WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING ABOARD SIMON AIRCRAFT. WILLIAM
HEWITT, LEADER OF MANPOWER AND EDUCATION GROUP, IS
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PRESENTLY IN EUROPE. DAN LAZORCHICK, ANOTHER MEMBER

SAME WORKING GROUP, TRAVELLING TO EUROPE THIS WEEK
AND MAY NOT BE ABLE OBTAIN SAUDI VISA PRIOR DEPARTURE.

IN THESE CASES, ASSUME THAT VISA-LESS ENTRY CAN BE
ARRANGED ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA. TO AVOID
PROBLEMS HOPE THAT SAG WILL ALSO INSTRUCT SAUDIA
OFFICE IN LONDON TO PERMIT THEM TO BOARD SV 786
THERE WITHOUT SAUDI VISAS IN THEIR PASSPORTS.

3. MEMBERS OF PRESS PARTY ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY
SIMON ON HIS AIRCRAFT HAVE EXPRESSED INTENTION REMAIN
IN SAUDI ARABIA TO COVER MEETINGS OF TWO JOINT
WORKING GROUPS. CAN THIS BE ARRANGED? ASSUME SAUDIS
WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY BRIEF MEMBERS OF US
FINANCIAL PRESS ON THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PLANS AND PROGRAMS. KISSINGER

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